



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **UEHARA, Tsuyoshi, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3693**

Serial No.: **10/694,269**

Examiner: **Jocelyn GREIMEL**

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**FOR: METHOD FOR MANAGING BUYER TRANSACTIONS AND SETTLEMENTS
USING COMMUNICATION NETWORK BETWEEN COMPUTERS, AND
METHOD FOR RELAYING INFORMATION FOLLOWING BUYER
CONSUMPTION TRENDS TO THE BUYER**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is in response to the Office Action dated **October 13, 2006**, in connection with the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.